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### REMARKS

In reply to the restriction requirement, Claims 1-7 and 13-15 have been canceled as being non-elected. Claims 8, 9 and 16 have been amended, and New Claims 24-30 have been added to further define the invention. After the amendments, Claims 8-12 and 16-30 are pending in this application. The amendments do not constitute the addition of new matter as discussed below.

#### Discussion of Amendments

The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors. Figure 2 has been amended to provide the missing unit of measurement, which is supported by the specification, for example, at paragraph 0035. Claim 8 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claims 9 and 16 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of their base and intermediate claims that have been canceled. New Claims 24-30 are supported by the originally filed specification, for example at paragraph Nos. 0030 and 0033. As such, the foregoing amendments are fully supported by the originally filed application and add no new matter. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the foregoing amendments.

#### Rejoinder of Non-elected Claims

As noted in the Office Action at page 4, paragraph No. 4 and set forth in M.P.E.P. 821.04, where an applicant elects a product claim, which is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from the product claim will be rejoined. As above, Applicants have elected Claim 9 directed to a product. The non-elected claims, Claims 17-25, are drawn to a process and depend from Claim 9. As such, Applicants respectfully requests that Claims 17-25 be rejoined upon allowance of Claim 9.

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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

Please amend Figure 2 as described below.

In Figure 2, in the parenthesis below the graph, “°C” has been inserted.

A “Replacement Sheet” is submitted along with this paper.